

# A FIELD FOR YOUNG MEN

Average Age of Railway Presidents Being Reduced and College Men Desired.

## WINCHELL'S RAPID RISE

New President of the Rock Island Has Gone Up Fast. Railway Matters.

Benjamin S. Winchell, who on Monday assumed charge of the Rock Island Railway system as president, is still a young man, and his rise to the head of the largest railway system in the continent has been remarkable. He began his railway career as a clerk in the passenger department of the Hannibal of St. Joe Railway in 1877, and within five years had become assistant general passenger agent of the Atchison and Nebraska line. He gradually rose through successive steps until he became vice-president and general manager of the Colorado and Southern. That was in 1888. In 1890 he became president and manager of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, and very soon afterward went to Chicago as a vice-president. The offices of third and fourth vice-president were abolished.

The Rock Island system, which, together with the "Prisco," comprises the greatest railway system in the world, is soon to be still further enlarged by opening up the St. Louis-Memphis line, and the Chicago-St. Louis double track line.

While the identity of the men behind the projected Tidewater Railway line is still kept secret, Captain Thomas D. Ransom, who represents the syndicate, in a recent speech at Norfolk admitted that there was much capital behind the line, and that it was deemed best to maintain the secrecy as to the real projectors. There is very little doubt that behind all is the hand of George W. Vreeland, the Vreeland system, recently created an enterprise to Pittsburgh, the fortified citadel of his great rivals. It is believed to be he who is seeking an accessible deep-water terminal for a line tapping the great Virginia and West Virginia coal fields, and extending for a terminus to the Chesapeake Bay, or near that city. The fact that the Norfolk and Western is doing what it can to retard and hinder the projected line disposes of the belief entertained by some that the new road is to be a Vanderbilt venture.

**YOUNGER RAILWAY PRESIDENTS.** A prominent railway official who observes and thinks, recently stated that the average age of railway presidents of this country is gradually being reduced until it is now nearing forty years. Some years ago the average was fifty years. It is said that ten college men are being gotten into the railroad service, where one was gotten in ten years ago. The duties of railway presidents do not require that grasp of petty details supposed to be requisite. Ability to organize and initiate, rather than experience in and memory of mechanical details are essential. With good organization of forces, the railway president can have the benefit of their knowledge and experience, while he, himself, devotes his time and thought to the larger problems of construction, transportation and competition. A writer in the Chicago Tribune recently compiled these facts as to railway presidents.

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**FAMOUS PRESCRIPTION**

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Cement is by the purchase of one of our

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Where else will you find so strong an array?

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be done despite injunctions and court orders.

C. A. Jewett has been made general freight and passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Western Railway, and C. B. Williamson auditor. The road is yet but a small affair, but is the first link of a valuable line, which some of the big roads will be after in a few years.

President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, went to Washington yesterday, returning later in the morning. President Atwell is on his way to England.

**IARDELLA'S FIFTH YEAR.**

**For These Successive Seasons He Has Won Park Concert Award.**

For the fifth successive season, Felix Iardella has been awarded the contract for music in the parks. Iardella's Band has won an enviable reputation by its work at home and abroad, and ranks high as a musical organization. The summer contract for sixty concerts, which was awarded to Iardella yesterday by the Grounds and Buildings Committee of the Council.

The schedule of concerts has not been made up yet, but it is understood they will be about the middle of June, and will be distributed among the various parks. The park concerts have grown to be such popular entertainments that their discontinuance would hardly be sanctioned. The popularity and merit of the band has had much to do with the inauguration of the concert feature.

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**MACHINE A PUTRID CROWD**

Southwest Leaders Denounce Agnew-Allen Combination in Bitter Terms.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, TENN., April 7.—The Republicans of the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia met in convention in Bristol, Va., this afternoon for the purpose of choosing two delegates to the Republican national convention and also to nominate a candidate for the district elector.

The convention was largely attended, all counties except two having been represented by full delegations. There were evidences of stirring times in the convention from the moment the various delegates were seated in their respective places in the Harmeling Theatre, where the convention was held, and before adjournment a stormy and broken forth which might have reached a state of wild fury but for the gag rule applied by the chair in cutting short the disposition to indulge in a general row. Hon.

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Large Irish Potatoes, peck, 30c  
Hawkey's Rolled Oats, package, 10c  
Best American Granulated Sugar, pound, 4 1/2c  
Large bottle of Ancho, 50c  
5 pounds California Peaches, 1.00  
Arbuckle's Alpha Coffee, lb., 15c  
Lion Coffee, 1 lb. papers, 10c  
Mountain Roll Butter, lb., 15c  
Small California Beans, 10c  
2 pounds New Hominy and Oats, 5c  
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Flake Hominy, pound, 10c  
Best City Meal, per peck, 18c  
Canned Corn, 10c  
Quart Mason Jar Vanilla Syrup, 65c  
Best Cream Cheese, pound, 15c  
Canned Tomatoes, large cans, 7c  
New Clipped Hens, 3 dozen for, 25c  
Canned Pears, 10c  
Quart Jar Home-Made Sweet Pickles, 10c  
Gibson, XXXX, Mt. Vernon, Oscar Pepper, 10c  
2 lbs Home-Made Preserved, 1.00  
Blackberry or Catawba Wine, quart, 12c  
Ginger Snaps or Soda Crackers, lb., 4 1/2c  
Salt Pork, per pound, 7c  
Smith's Toilet Soap, 10c  
Blackening and Scrub Brushes, 15c  
8 bars Octagon Shaped Soap, 25c  
Good Green or Mixed Tea, pound, 25c  
New Virginia Buckwheat, 7 lbs. for, 25c  
Fresh Bologna Sausages, pound, 7c  
Clothes Iron, 25c  
Sour Pickles, gallon, 25c  
Prepared Buckwheat, package, 10c  
Duffy's Malt Whiskey, per bottle, 1.00

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